

## WOULD CUT THROAT RATHER THAN KEEP FAMILY, IS CHARGE

Affidavits Accuse Prof. R. I. Thompson of Strange Declarations.

## THREATENED WIFE SWEARS RELATIVE

School Principal Alleged to Have Added He Would Resign.

Two sensational charges were made in affidavits against Prof. Reginald I. Thompson today in connection with the suit for maintenance brought by his wife in the District Supreme Court last week.

One was that he would cut his throat before he would support his wife and three-year-old child, and the other was that he would resign his position as principal of the Hamilton Public School and teacher in the Franklin night school and work for \$10 a month rather than provide for his family.

### Police Called.

The two affidavits tell of an alleged visit Prof. Thompson made to the home of his wife, Mrs. Maude McKee Thompson at 11 o'clock Friday night, the day the suit for maintenance was filed against him. Mrs. Thompson is living at the home of her mother, Mrs. Cora V. McKee, 516 Sixth street northeast, and it is alleged that the school principal called there after he had been served with the papers in his wife's suit, created a scene, and neighbors called a policeman.

Attorney Walter P. Plumley, representing Mrs. Thompson in her suit, filed the affidavits today, making them a part of the action. They will be read in court on Friday, the date on which Prof. Thompson has been summoned to appear to show cause why he should not pay for the maintenance of his family.

### Mrs. Hubbard's Affidavit.

That Prof. Thompson made the declaration that he would cut his throat before he would support his wife and child, is the sworn statement of Mrs. Cora Rebecca Hubbard, who lives at 514 Sixth street northeast, next door to the home of the school teacher's wife. Mrs. Hubbard alleged that the husband was "so disorderly and threatening in his manner" that she telephoned the police, but before an officer arrived Prof. Thompson had left.

Mrs. Hubbard also swears that Prof. Thompson threatened to take away his child.

A brother-in-law of the school principal, Martin J. Keough, swears in his affidavit that Prof. Thompson appeared at the home of his wife's mother in a threatening and disorderly manner, and used "profane and indecent language," declaring that he would never live with his wife again, and that he would resign his position in the public schools before he would support her and their three-year-old child. Mr. Keough added that Prof. Thompson asserted that he would not give another cent to his wife as long as he lived.

"He threatened to clean out the whole house," is one phrase used by Mr. Keough, in his affidavit.

### Heard the Statement.

Mr. Keough further avers that Prof. Thompson made the statement in his presence that he would work for \$10 a month and resign his positions before he would agree to pay alimony. According to both affidavits, Prof. Thompson made the alleged statements on the occasion of his visit to the home of his mother-in-law at 11 o'clock Friday night.

The petition of Mrs. Thompson in her suit for maintenance sets forth that her husband has not supported her since the fall of 1909, and that she is penniless and living at the home of her mother, Mrs. McKee. She alleges that she was induced to teach school at Riverdale, Md., on the alleged pretext of her husband that with both working they could pay for their home at Glendale, Md., where they were married in December, 1904.

A rule to show cause has been issued, and Prof. Thompson will be obliged to be in court next Friday morning, despite his school duties, to show cause why he should not support his wife and child.

## KENTUCKY BANK IS SUSPENDED

LEXINGTON, Ky., Oct. 17.—The National Bank of Beattyville, Ky., has been suspended, and National Bank Examiner H. Johnston is in charge. Deposits aggregating \$60,000 are on hand.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The winds along the middle Atlantic coast will be moderate northeasterly, increasing in the southern portion.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.  
Fair tonight, probably becoming unsettled Tuesday; not much change in temperature; moderate winds, mostly northeasterly.

TEMPERATURE.  
8 a. m. 56  
9 a. m. 58  
10 a. m. 61  
11 a. m. 64  
12 noon 65  
1 p. m. 64  
2 p. m. 61

TIME TABLE.  
Today—High tide, 6:42 a. m. and 7:09 p. m. Low tide, 12:59 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.  
Tomorrow—High tide, 7:22 a. m. and 7:38 p. m. Low tide, 1:40 a. m. and 1:55 p. m.

CONDITION OF THE RIVERS.  
HARPER FERRY, W. Va., Oct. 17.—Both rivers clear this morning.

## ALARM FELT FOR WELLMAN AIRSHIP; LINER REPORTS ELECTRICAL STORM



READY FOR THE START.  
Balloon America Leaving the Shed.

## DISSENSION SPLITS MILKMEN'S RANKS

Trouble Over Direction Fight Is to Take Against Health Department.

Almost on the very eve of a hearing before the District Commissioners at which they had pledged themselves to stand together for mutual protection, the milk producers of Maryland and Virginia and dealers of Washington have developed dissension in their own camp.

This dissension came about when representatives of the two associations met to outline the plan of campaign before the Commissioners next Thursday.

The point of difference is the direction the fight is to take against the Health Department. The farmers want the dealers to make a determined stand against the recent order of Health Officer Woodward compelling the tuberculin test for all farms shipping milk into the District, while the dealers are more concerned about the possibility of fixing a bacterial count.

Producers Here.  
Producers visited Washington today and their mission is believed to be the straightening out of the tangle by convincing the dealers that the tuberculin test is of more immediate importance than the bacterial count.

The farmers declared to talk for publication, declaring they believed the matter could be adjusted without difficulty. (Continued on Fifth Page.)

## HUSBAND "CRABBED" SAYS LOTT'S WIFE

Asks for Maintenance—Tells Court Spouse Locked Self in Room.

Shutting himself up in a room for three months at a time and denying all communication with his family, William Lott, a watchman at the Congressional Library, remained "cross and crabbed," according to a petition of his wife, Mrs. Caroline Lott, who today instituted a suit for maintenance, after twenty-six years of married life.

Attached to the petition are affidavits of neighbors and a physician stating that Mrs. Lott is physically unwell and unable to provide for herself and that she has been a true and loving wife.

The complaint alleges that Lott deserted his wife in July, 1908, and that prior to that date was "abusive and insulting."

Lott was cited today to appear in court on October 21, and show cause why he should not provide for the support of his wife.

## REHEARING IS DENIED ON INHERITANCE TAX

The United States Supreme Court today denied motions for a rehearing of the inheritance tax cases.

## SMUGGLER'S WOMAN IS FINED

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Mrs. Mamie McKenna, of Chicago, pleaded guilty to the charge of smuggling before Judge Hand, in the United States Court, today and was fined \$1,000.

The court also ordered seized \$1,600 worth of Parisian gowns she attempted to bring in without payment of duties.

## BENDER OPENS WORLD SERIES FOR QUAKERS

Thomas Picked to Receive Indian's Flings, While Overall and Kling Begin the First Championship Game as Chicago's Battery.

## PHILADELPHIA FAVORED AT ODDS OF 7-5

Little Enthusiasm Marks the Start of Battles for Supremacy by Winning Nines of American and National Leagues—Weather Conditions Are Ideal.

## How Teams Lined-Up for the Struggle

**CHICAGO.**  
SHECKARD, Left Field.  
SCHULTE, Right Field.  
HOFMAN, Center Field.  
CHANCE, First Base.  
ZIMMERMAN, Second Base.  
STEINFELDT, Third Base.  
TINKER, Shortstop.  
KLING, Catcher.  
OVERALL, Pitcher.

**PHILADELPHIA.**  
STRUNK, Center Field.  
LORD, Left Field.  
COLLINS, Second Base.  
BAKER, Third Base.  
DAVIS, First Base.  
MURPHY, Right Field.  
BARRY, Shortstop.  
THOMAS or LAPP, Catcher.  
BENDER or COOMBS, Pitcher.

Umpires for the series are Sheridan and Connelly for the American League and Rigler and O'Day for the National League.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

SHINE PARK, Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 17.—Bender and Thomas are the selection for the Athletics today.

If Bender wins today, Plank will pitch tomorrow. If Bender loses, it's Coombs tomorrow in a wild effort to stop the slaughter.

Overall and Kling for Cubs today.

The dollar seats were all sold and the gates in that section closed shortly before noon today, and the field gates opened for the 50-cent seats. The clubs seats failed to arrive in time, and the Quakers fans who had counted on seeing the game from center field had to stand.

The first row or two sat down then and two rows of standers had a good view.

The ardent souls away in the rear saw nothing except an occasional fly or foul.

The crowd was remarkably quiet. It was seldom those sudden noisy outbursts of laughter and cheering over small incidents so characteristic of sporting crowds reached the ears of the men in the skyscraper press box.

The principal racket was raised by a sort of rattle distributed as an advertisement. It is a device of the devil, and if it ever comes to Washington we shall insist that a delegation of side-whiskers see the Commissioners about it.

The unreserved seats were soon filled. All the real sure enough sports wanted to come out about noon or 1 o'clock in taxicabs. Taxicabs are very stylish for world's series.

A cab famine resulted and enterprising gents with autos did a thriving business carrying folk at the rate of five bucks per load from the Bellevue and other inns.

No extra charge for extra loads. The five looked pretty big to some citizens who examined into the street-car situation, and were amazed to find they could get plenty of seats around noon and did not have to stand the look from the auto people. This was a great comfort. The street cars are not so chic as the taxis, but one finds them quite comfortable at times.

Topsey Hartzel and Jimmy Dygert appeared before the Athletics' bench at 12:10 in the cunningest white uniforms, with blue bands around the stockings. They received a small cheer.

Standing Room Opened.  
At noon it was decided to open the standing room in right field, and charge one buck per stand. This made some what of a curiosity in the charging line. After sticking the loyal fans for 20 cents for seats they did not get, the ante was raised to one iron more for the privilege of standing.

Not a man in the crowd was to be seen who was not a Quaker. The Wall Street brethren have anything on world's series spectacles congress when it comes to getting the coin.

All's Well.  
12:30 Bulletin.—Tim Murnane of the Boston Globe, arrives. This positively assures the game having a high moral purpose.

The Cubs broke on the field at 12:30, and received a cheer that was decidedly feeble under the circumstances. This crowd is the tamest ever seen at a big sporting event. Probably most of them were an old hand at Athletics.

Feeling is 1 to 5 that Athletics win the first game. The selection of Bender is responsible for Mack's men being favorites in this clash, but the odds look pretty fat. Overall is a regular pitcher and draws wages for the same. Why he should be counted a loser before he starts is a mystery.

The tending incident of Frank Chance and Harry Davis shaking hands in front of 3,000 cameras failed to arouse the populace. A foul ball almost hit the water bottle in the press box. The cry of horror sent a chill into the hearts of the spectators.

Cubs Practice.  
It was a great day for the Philadelphia police, and should be fine for the crooks. A cop every two feet around the field was the program. Of course, they were much bored at being assigned to see the world's series. We suggest the humane societies congress look into the case of cruel treatment.

The Cubs went into formal practice at 1:30, with Ritchie pitching and Needham catching. It was easy-going work, with nothing special to make it remarkable.

The regular Cub line-up was soon in action. Kling showed great form in shooting to the bases. Zimmerman at second was exceedingly sprightly and aroused some enthusiasm by his nimble fielding. Needham knocked to the infield and Reulbach to the far gardens.

Connolly, of the American League, was chosen to judge balls and strikes, and Hank O'Day, to give the base decisions.

Rigler and Sheridan were stationed in the outfield. During the progress of the game a moving picture machine trained its lens on all the stirring movements.

A real cheer greeted the Philadelphians when they went on their preliminary work. Thomas was catching and Strunk in center. Jimmie Dygert and Cy Morgan were the fungo hitters.

Strunk was in deep center with Coombs playing behind second. Barry's cleverness at short was the big feature for the Athletics' warm-up, and he got many hands for his circus stunts.

Cornie Mack made no announcements of his line-up. He pretended to be the executor of the estate, which is valued at about \$25,000.

Gen. Knapp's Will  
IN PROBATE COURT

Except for Bequests to Servants, Brother and Sisters Are to Receive Estate.

By the will of Gen. William A. Knapp, who died October 12, his estate is left to his brother, Shepherd M. Knapp, and his sisters, Helen Atwater and Jane E. Douglas, with the exception of numerous small bequests provided in the will filed today in Probate Court.

One servant, Dora Porter, is left \$200, while another, Martha Jackson, and Mary Holman, his landlady, are bequeathed \$100 each.

Dr. Collins Marshall is named as executor of the estate, which is valued at about \$25,000.

## GAS BAG IN DANGER OF LIGHTNING BOLT

Absence of Wireless Message From Dirigible Increases Fear.

SIACONSET, Mass., Oct. 17.—Fear that lightning has struck and destroyed Walter Wellman's airship, the America, was caused here today when the steamer Finland, bound for New York, communicated with the Marconi wireless station that there had been a heavy storm early Sunday evening, with sharp lightning and heavy rain at that section of the Atlantic over which Wellman was supposed to have passed.

At 9 o'clock the weather cleared, but the vessel received no communication from the America.

The steamer Minnetoka, Cedric, Kronland, La Gasconne, Ryndam, report that nothing has been seen or heard of the America.

All records for continuous flight in a dirigible balloon have been broken by Walter Wellman in the airship America. The former record of thirty-seven hours was held by Count Zeppelin.

The Atlantic ocean, in the vicinity of the northeast coast, is being combed by wireless today in fear that the balloon, which sailed from Atlantic City at 8:30 Saturday morning had been destroyed in the electric storm which had been reported off Cape Sable. The news of the electric storm caused grave alarm to those waiting for news at this point and led to redoubled efforts to get in touch with the party, while the promise was made that a Government tug would be sent at once to rescue the expedition if this was found necessary.

Officials of the Marconi Wireless Company, announced today that they believed the wireless apparatus on board the America was out of order.

It is considered almost certain that had the wireless outfit been working after the airship passed Nantucket that a passing steamer would have picked up some message from the America.

Conditions Favorable.  
Off Eastport, Me., today the wind was from the west blowing at the rate of twelve miles an hour. Off Halifax there was a northwest wind blowing at twenty miles an hour. The weather was cloudy.

At the Weather Bureau office in New York it was said that the America had undoubtedly reached the fair weather zone.

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## "FRATS" TO BE ABOLISHED GRADUALLY IN CAPITAL

High School Secret Organization to Be Eliminated by Substantiation of Other Interests, Is Plan Announced by Superintendent Stuart.

High School fraternities will be eliminated gradually through a substitution of other interests with more pronounced educational features.

This announcement was made today by Supt. A. T. Stuart, of the public schools. The fraternities have gone unharmed since the report of the investigating committee appointed by the Board of Education was submitted more than a year ago.

According to that report the high school organizations were placed on trial during good behavior.

The time having arrived for the organization of the frats and no order having gone forth regarding their continuance or discontinuance, Superintendent Stuart today was asked regarding their status.

"It will be the endeavor of our office, through the high school principals," said the superintendent, "to substitute other features for the fraternities. We do not contemplate any immediate or drastic action against them. But we do hope by the gradual spread of the debating organizations, musical clubs and even the athletic associations to eliminate the social organizations by others which shall have some educational feature."

The failure to take any immediate action toward the frats, Mr. Stuart said, was the result of their good behavior while on probation.

"Since the committee submitted its report," he said, "we have received no report of any attempt to make school politics, run athletics, or form cliques on the part of the frats. They have behaved themselves and have earned our sufficiency until we can supply something better to take their place."

"We will urge pupils to take a more active interest in the inter-high school debating organization, which had a successful year last season. They do not need urging to make them take an active part in athletics. But we are desirous that these things will take up their time, so that the fraternities will be eliminated through a natural process."

ROCKEFELLER ADDS  
MILLIONS TO GIFT

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Announcement was made today at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research of an added gift of \$3,820,000 from John D. Rockefeller.

This makes all told the sum of \$8,240,000 given by the head of the Standard Oil Company from the time he first became interested in medical research.

The gift announced today is in securities, the sum of \$3,820,000 being their par value. It is believed that the greater part of the securities is made up of Standard Oil shares. The income bearing gifts of Mr. Rockefeller now come to \$8,430,000 all told.

The board of trustees now having charge of the institute with all of its wealth is made up of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Dr. Simon Flexner, the head of the research staff, William M. Welsh and Starr J. Murphy.

MURDERER OF WIFE,  
AT BAY, KILLS SELF

HAVANA, Ill., Oct. 17.—Charles Anno committed suicide when surrounded and fired upon by a sheriff's posse after he had killed his wife.